दूरदर्शन पर रसोई गैस उपभोक्ताओं के लिये बचाव संबंधी कार्यक्रम

2725. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या तेल कम्पनियों ने आम जनता की जानकारी हेतु कभी दिल्ली दूरदर्शन पर गैस के सिलेन्डर आदि फटने पर रसोई गैस के उपभोक्ताओं द्वारा अपनाए जाने वाले बचाव उपायों से संबंधित कोई कार्यक्रम प्रसारित कराया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रकार के कार्यक्रम कितनी बार प्रसारित किये गये और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) और (ख) एल० पी० जी० उपभोक्ताओं में सुरक्षा के प्रति जागरुकता बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन दिल्ली दूरदर्शन पर एल० पी० जी० सुरक्षा/संरक्षण के कार्यक्रमों को दिखाती रही है । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान दिखाए गए कार्यक्रमों की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

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Small Scale Industries Board's suggestions regarding women entrepreneurs

2726. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Scale Industries Board has suggested that women entrepreneurs should have a distinct identity so that their interests are fully protected and promoted by the Government financial institutions and other agencies; and

(b) if so, what special schemes Government propose to formulate to promote entrepreneurship among women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The recommendation of the National Level Standing Committee on Women Entrepreneurs for a definition of 'Women Entrepreneurs' was accepted by Small Scale Industries Board in 40th Meeting held on 12th & 13th December, 1987. The Central and State Governments are already implementing various schemes, some exclusively for women for promoting entrepreneurship.

Repatriation of profits by Suzuki

2727. SHRI K. MOHANAN:

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state how much profit has so far been repatriated by Suzuki of Japan from its share in Maruti Udyog Limited?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): As no dividend has been declared by Maruti Udyog Limited so far, there is no repatriation of profit to Suzuki Motor Company, Japan.

शीरे का वितरण

2728. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार शीरे के को नियंत्रित करने के लिए चीनी अधिनियम की भांति कोई का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या शीरा के निर्यात को प्रतिबंधित करने का विचार है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव) : (क) जी, नहीं । फिलहाल ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं, लेकिन इस समय शीरे का कोई निर्यात नहीं किया जा रहा है ।

Monopoly production of Vitamin D3

2729. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3122 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) when there is only one producer of Vitamin D 3, how and on what basis the Kelkar Committee recommended for price decontrol;

(b) how the interest of public is safeguarded by decontrolling the price of the drug being produced by only one producer, who is enjoying the monopoly; and

(c) how far it is in line with the criteria of the Kelkar Committee and objectives of the Drugs Price Control Order and the Essential Commodities Act?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The Kelkar Committee had recommended that all Vitamins only when used in combination for formulations, should come under Category II for price control. Keeping this recommendation in view all vitamins, as bulk drugs, have been exempted from price control.

Alternative sources of energy

2730. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experts have considered the view that the Ocean is the ans to solve the energy crisis in the ntry;

(b) whether any scientific research has been made for the use of non-conventional sources of energy like energy from tidal waves and [illegible]; and

(c) if so, whether such an [illegible] will be commercially viable in [illegible] the energy crisis in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE [illegible] DEPARTMENT OF POWER [illegible] MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Ocean energy can be harnessed in three different ways, namely by utilising the energy of ocean tides, by utilising the temperature difference between water at the ocean surface and at [illegible] depths and energy contained in waves. The Central Electricity Authority is conducting studies and investigations to assess the techno-economic feasibility of a tidal power project in the Gulf of Kutch. Preliminary research has been undertaken in the country on harnessing of wave energy and also on ocean thermal energy conversion. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has been implementing a broad-based programme of Research & Development, Demonstration and Extension covering biomass, solar, wind and other non-conventional energy sources. While some non-conventional energy devices are reaching commercial viability, further R&D and cost reduction is likely to improve viability. These energy sources can play an important role particularly in rural areas and to that extent can mitigate the energy problem.

Karnali Hydel project

2731. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of [illegible] be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnali Hydel-multipurpose project which was conceived about 20 years ago has not shown much headway in spite of talks held by India and Nepal;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the completion of the project and